GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted on the Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Registration & Stamps, Nellore on 20/21.04.2005 - Departmental action initiated against Sri B. Harigopal, Senior Assistant (now retd.) and others, Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Registration & Stamps, Nellore – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries – Enquiry report and disagreement factors communicated – Explanation received – Show Cause Notice issued – Explanation received - Imposition of a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently – Orders – issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1049 **Dated: 27-10-2015**
Read the following:

1. From the D.G,ACB,AP, Hyd.,Lr.No.8/DES-NNL/2005, dt:21.07.2005.
2. Memo No.17783/Vig.VI (1)/2005-4, dated: 02.06.2007.
3. G.O.Ms.No.733, Rev (Vig.VI) Department, dated:02.06.2007.
4. WSD of Sri B. Harigopal, Sr. Asst., O/o. R.O (O.B), Nellore, dated: 09.07.2007.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1936, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dt.15.10.2008.
6. From the COI, D.O.Lr.No.1962/COI-CK/A1/2009, dt:12.01.2011.
7. Govt. Memo.No.17783/Vig.VI (1)/2005-20, dated:27.03.2014.
8. Representation of Sri B. Harigopal, Senior Assistant., O/o. DR ` (O.B), Nellore, dated: 11.4.2014.
9. Govt. Memo No. 17783/Vig.II (2)/2005-25, dated: 16.5.2015.
10. Representation of Sri B. Harigopal, Senior Assistant., O/o. DR ` (O.B), Nellore, dated: 24.6.2015.
11. From the APPSC, Lr.No.777/DC&C/2/2015, dt.6.10.2015.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that a surprise check was conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials on the Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Nellore on 20/21.04.2005 on certain allegations of corruption and found some irregularities and sent report to Government duly recommending to initiate disciplinary action against the staff & officers of the said office.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the staff & officers of the said office vide reference 2nd read above, and framed the following article of charges against Sri B. Harigopal, the then Senior Assistant (now retd.), Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Registration & Stamps, Nellore vide reference 3rd read above.

Charge:
"…..during the period between 01.09.1994 to 21.4.2005 has committed grave misconduct in as much as he failed to declare his personal cash in personal cash declaration register."

3. Whereas in the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence. As it was not convincing, Government entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries to enquire into the charges vide reference 5th read above. The Commissioner of Inquiries

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submitted enquiry report vide reference 6th read above, and held that the charges can be dropped, after a warning as the same are found to be merely technical in nature.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter have observed that the charge of non-declaration of personal cash was proved against the Charged Officer and he also agreed that he has not declared the cash and the reasons cited are that they were busy/ such failure is not intentional and the reasons stated by the Charged Officer were not acceptable. Hence, Government decided to disagree with the findings of the Inquiring Authority and communicated the Inquiry report together with disagreement factors to the Accused Officer for his explanation vide reference 7th read above.

5. Sri B. Harigopal, the then Senior Assistant (now retd.), Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Registration & Stamps, Nellore, submitted his representation in the reference 8th read above and he has not put forth any new ground to examine the issue further. Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 3% cut in pension permanently and issued Show Cause Notice for his explanation vide reference 9th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation vide reference 10th read above. The contention of the Charged Officer in the reference 10th read above are similar to the explanation already submitted by him in reply to the disagreement factors. He has not put forth any new ground to examine the issue further. Therefore, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e to impose a punishment of 3% cut in pension permanently and consulted the A.P. Public Service Commission. The A.P. Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the Government vide reference 11th read above (copy enclosed).

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 3% cut in pension permanently against Sri B. Harigopal, the then Senior Assistant (now retd.), Office of District Registrar (Original Branch), Registration & Stamps, Nellore.

7. The Director and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Nellore, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director and Inspector General,
Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Nellore.
The Individual. **(w.e)**
(***through: the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Nellore***)
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad.
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//Forwarded::By order//

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